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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

James A. Dudek

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3-36 and 49-54 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3-36 and 49-54 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 February 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 08/888,164.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/2/07.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

Double Patenting

1. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

2. Claims 33-36 and 49-54 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,373,537. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the present claims are broader in scope in the patented claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,373,537.

Claims 33-36 and 49-54 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-34 of U.S. Patent No. 6,020,942.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the present claims are broader in scope in the patented claims. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the present claims are broader in scope in the patented claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,020,942.

Claims 33-36 and 49-54 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-52 of U.S. Patent No. 6,002,457.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the present claims are broader in scope in the patented claims. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the present claims are broader in scope in the patented claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,002,457.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 33-35, 49 and 51-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Masanori (JP 07-099394).

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Masanori discloses a flat display device comprising (see at least Figure 1): a first structure 6 having a plurality of first surfaces (e.g., side surfaces); a second structure 8 having at least one second surface substantially parallel to a predetermined one of the plurality of first surfaces; a flat display panel 2 adjacent the first and second structures, the flat panel display comprising a display surface for displaying an image, wherein the display surface is substantially nonparallel with the plurality of first surfaces.

Masanori discloses (immovably) fixing means for fixing the first and second structures together, wherein the fixing means comprise such as screw(s). Further, Masanori discloses fixing means comprising structures via screws through holes in the side surfaces/edges (see at least Figure 1), i.e., fixing means provided in a direction substantially non-perpendicular to with the display surface.

Masanori discloses the second structure comprising second and third surfaces (see at least Figure 1).

Masanori discloses the first structure 6 contacting the flat display panel 2 (see at least Figure 1).

Masanori discloses the flat display panel being a liquid crystal display panel (see at least Abstract).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 36 and 50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Masanori as applied to claims 33-35, 49, 51-54 above.

Other fixing means such as hooks, adhesive material are at least obvious variations (i.e., not patentably distinct) to fixing means such as screws since all are desired for securing structures together. Therefore, it would have been at least obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to employ fixing means such as hooks, adhesive, screws, as at least obvious variations (i.e., not patentably distinct) to each other for advantages such as properly securing structures together.

Portable devices incorporating liquid crystal display are common and known in the art since LCD offers advantages such as lightweight, high resolution. Therefore, it would have been at least obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to employ portable devices incorporating liquid crystal display, as common and known in the art, since LCD offers advantages such as lightweight, high resolution.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 07/25/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Masanori discloses fixing means comprising structures via screws through holes in the side surfaces/edges (see at least Figure 1), i.e., fixing means provided in a direction substantially non-perpendicular to with the display surface.

Conclusion

This is an RCE of applicant's earlier Application No. 10/068847. All claims are drawn to the same invention claimed in the earlier application and could have been finally rejected on the grounds and art of record in the next Office action if they had been entered in the earlier application. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL** even though it is a first action in this case. See MPEP § 706.07(b). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no, however, event will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

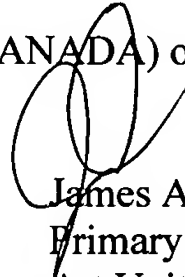
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James A. Dudek whose telephone number is 571-272-2290. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on 571-272-1787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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